

**VERMONT PESTICIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL  
MAY 22, 2013 MEETING MINUTES**

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Decker, Kathy (via phone)  
Gary, Lené  
Giguere, Cary  
Hoffman-Contois, Razelle  
Levey, Rick  
Palmer, Eric (via phone)  
Shively, Andy

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Bosworth, Sid

**GUESTS**

Tom Moreau  
Roger Steinhauer  
Sylvia Knight  
Nancy Rehm  
Ross Saxton

**Meeting Called to Order**

1:05 pm EST

**Meeting Adjourned**

4:30 pm EST

**Announcements and General Business**

- Minutes of the April 24, 2013 were reviewed and approved and will be posted to the ftp site.
- Upcoming 2013 meetings:
  - Burlington - 108 Cherry Street: June 26 Suite 201 HOC and July 24 Room 2A
  - Montpelier - National Life Building: September 26 Room M205
- The FTP site is still under development. Documents for posting or requests for removal of posted materials should be submitted to Razelle.
- The State of Vermont Arbovirus Surveillance and Response Plan is in the process of being updated. The Council is currently reviewing several adulticide products. These will be discussed at the June 26, 2013 meeting.

**Public Comments**

Sylvia Knight provided the Council with written and verbal comments including notes on encouraging developments in Council work and concerns regarding endocrine disrupting compounds. These will be posted to the ftp site.

**Business**

**(1) Persistent Herbicides and Compost - Chittenden Solid Waste District & Green Mountain Compost**

Tom Moreau, General Manager of the Chittenden Solid Waste District (CSWD), presented an overview of CSWD composting activities and recent difficulties encountered with persistent herbicides found to be present in low, but efficacious levels, in finished product. Early in the summer of 2012, injury to certain bedding plants was noted in Vermont. Mr. Moreau described the nature of the problem and how an ongoing cooperative effort between CSWD, the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets (AAFM), Department of Health, product Registrants and others has served to identify and address the problem. AAFM recently classified all aminopyralid and clopyralid products with pasture or hay use sites on the label as Class "A" State Restricted Use products in Vermont. New Label restrictions have been put in place by Dow Agrochemical to prevent future instances with aminopyralid.

**(2) Spinosad**

As requested at the April 10, 2013 meeting by Alan Graham (state entomologist) on behalf of the Mosquito Control Districts, Councilmembers have conducted a review of several Natular® larvicide products containing the active ingredient Spinosad. Individual findings and concerns were discussed including limiting use to granular/tablet bait products and interest in augmenting public education/outreach. The Council agreed that as the 2013 Mosquito Control District larvicide permits have already been issued, no product additions would occur until the 2014 season. Several questions were raised about various aspects of the proposed products. Representatives of the Mosquito Control Districts and Clarke Mosquito Control Products will be invited to the next meeting to provide additional information.

**(3) Proposed Changes to "Vermont Regulations for Control of Pesticides"**

Cary Giguere provided a brief overview of proposed changes including revisions to the golf course permit program such as elimination of a prescreened list. The Council was asked to review the draft mark-up and provide comments at the July 2013 meeting.

**(4) Pentachlorophenol (PCP) Treated Utility Poles**

Noted that ACT 250 reviewers have inquired about policy of placing such items in watered areas or adjacent to water. These items have been implicated in potential contamination of domestic groundwater supplies. Storage has also caused residential concerns due to strong odors. Jurisdictional oversight of the "pesticide" PCP is primarily with VTANR Waste Management Division. AAFM has provided some oversight and guidance in rectifying some of these problems. Council will discuss this topic at an upcoming meeting.